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13 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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15 DISTRICT OF NEVADA

16 MICHELLE MILLER, an individual,

17 Case No. 2:15-cv-01782-RFB-NJK

18 Plaintiff,

19 vs.

20 WELL'S FARGO BANK, NATIONAL
21 ASSOCIATION; a foreign corporation,
22 and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive,

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28 **[PROPOSED] STIPULATED
PROTECTIVE ORDER**

Defendant.

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Defendant WELL'S FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION ("Defendant") and Plaintiff MICHELLE MILLER ("Plaintiff"), by and through their respective counsel of record, hereby submit the following Stipulated Protective Order regarding the confidentiality of discovery materials.

I. PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS

Disclosure and discovery activity in the above-captioned action are likely to involve the production of confidential, proprietary, trade secret, and/or private information for which special protection from public disclosure and use for any purpose other than prosecuting this litigation may be warranted. The parties acknowledge that this protective order does not confer blanket protection for all disclosures or responses to discovery and that the protection it affords from public disclosure and use extends only to the limited information or items that are entitled to confidential treatment

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1 under the applicable legal principles.

2 **II. DESIGNATION AND USE OF CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL**

3 A. During this litigation, either party may designate as “confidential” any material
 4 produced in discovery if that party in good faith believes that the material contains protected non-
 5 public confidential information under state or federal law. Such discovery material is referred to
 6 herein as “confidential material.” The party designating the material is referred to herein as the
 7 “designating party.”

8 B. “Confidential material,” as the term is used in this protective order, includes all
 9 information and documents produced by the parties that fall within one or more of the following
 10 categories: (a) information prohibited from disclosure by statute; (b) trade secrets or other non-
 11 public information of a proprietary, strategic, commercially valuable, and/or competitively sensitive
 12 nature; (c) personnel or employment records of past, present, or prospective employees of Defendant
 13 including but not limited to: (1) compensation and benefit information; (2) work histories and
 14 performance evaluations; (3) information about complaints of discrimination and investigative files
 15 pertaining to such complaints; (4) medical and health-related information; (5) disciplinary
 16 information, and (6) personal information, including home and email addresses, dates of birth,
 17 telephone numbers, and social security numbers; (d) portions of depositions (audio or video) where
 18 confidential material is disclosed or used as exhibits; (e) policies, procedures and/or training
 19 materials of Defendant; (f) Defendant’s organizational structure; and (g) Defendant’s hiring
 20 practices.

21 C. The designating party will mark each page of appropriate documents as
 22 “CONFIDENTIAL.” The designation will avoid obscuring or defacing any portion of the discovery
 23 material. If marking as confidential each page of a document or a group of documents would cause
 24 undue burden, the designating party instead may designate as confidential a range of documents or
 25 pages, accompanied by a writing identifying the range as confidential. If a party inadvertently fails
 26 to designate discovery material as confidential, but subsequently determines that such material
 27 should have been so designated, it promptly will provide written notice to the opposing party of the
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1 confidential designation and the material will be treated as confidential from the receipt of the
 2 notice. On the other hand, if a party designates discovery material as confidential and later
 3 determines that it should not have been so designated, it will promptly provide the opposing party
 4 written notice of the removal of the designation and a duplicate copy of the discovery material
 5 without the confidential marking. All copies of confidential discovery material will also be
 6 considered confidential.

7 D. Material designated confidential shall be held in confidence by each qualified
 8 recipient to whom it is disclosed, shall be used only for purposes of this action, shall not be used for
 9 any business purpose, and shall not be disclosed to any person who is not a qualified recipient. All
 10 produced confidential material shall be carefully maintained so as to preclude access by persons who
 11 are not qualified recipients.

12 E. Material designated confidential will not be disclosed to anyone other than the
 13 following qualified recipients: (a) the Court and its personnel; (b) counsel of record, in-house
 14 counsel, and staff; (c) deposition notaries and staff; (d) parties to this litigation; (e) any current or
 15 former officers, directors, or employees of Defendant; (f) and the following, provided that they
 16 expressly agree to be bound by the terms of this protective order by executing the form attached as
 17 Exhibit A: (i) any expert or consultant retained in this action; (ii) witnesses and potential witnesses
 18 at, or in preparation for deposition, trial, or hearing or who otherwise require the information as
 19 directed by counsel; and (iii) outside vendors who perform copying, data entry, or similar functions.
 20 Confidential material may not be disclosed to other persons or entities without prior written consent
 21 of the designating party or court order. Such disclosure should be made only to the extent
 22 reasonably necessary for effective prosecution and defense of the claims in this action and for no
 23 other purpose.

24 III. CONDITIONS OF DISCLOSURE

25 A. Before disclosing confidential material to the persons qualified to receive it, counsel
 26 for the requesting party will secure from each such person the signed Exhibit A.

1 B. The parties' counsel will be responsible for distribution and control of confidential
 2 material. They will maintain a list of all persons to whom confidential material has been disclosed
 3 and the written assurances executed by such persons. Confidential material will be copied only by
 4 counsel or persons assisting counsel and only for purposes permitted by this order.

5 C. The restrictions set forth in this protective order will not apply to information that is
 6 or becomes public knowledge through its authorized release and not in violation of this protective
 7 order. Whether material that becomes public will remain confidential under this protective order
 8 will be decided based on the standards and procedures herein. If confidential material is produced
 9 by a third party, the parties in this litigation may designate the material as such by marking it
 10 confidential and providing the marked copy to the opposing party who will either (1) agree the
 11 material is confidential under the terms of this protective order or (2) inform the other party that it
 12 disagrees the material should be governed by the terms of this protective order, but nonetheless will
 13 treat the material as confidential for at least 30 days from notice of the confidentiality designation, to
 14 give the party desiring protection sufficient time to seek relief from the Court. Treatment of the
 15 material as confidential will continue until the Court resolves the issue.

16 IV. PROTECTING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION AT DEPOSITIONS

17 A. During a deposition, either party may request any person present to sign the attached
 18 Exhibit A.

19 B. To designate confidential information in testimony, the designating party will (a)
 20 make an oral statement to that effect on the record, or (b) notify the recipient in writing at any time
 21 up to 30 days after receipt of the transcript.

22 C. If confidential material is marked as an exhibit during a deposition, or hearing, or
 23 other proceeding in this action, and its contents are disclosed in testimony at such proceeding,
 24 counsel for the parties will (a) advise the reporter that the exhibit refers to confidential material or
 25 (b) notify the reporter in writing at any time up to 30 days after receipt of the transcript. In either
 26 instance, the material will be marked confidential and will be deemed as such. The reporter will not
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1 furnish copies to anyone other than to the parties herein, and, if so requested, the witness and his/her
 2 counsel.

3 V. USE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION IN COURT FILINGS

4 ~~The parties acknowledge that this protective order does not entitle them to file confidential~~
 5 ~~information under seal without complying with the standard articulated in *Kamakana v. City and*~~
 See order issued
 concurrently herewith ~~*u*, 447 F.3d 1172 (9th Cir. 2006), along with Local Rule 10-5. The parties may~~

6 ~~g party may file documents designated confidential by the other party not under~~
 7 ~~seal. If no such agreement is made before filing, then any documents to be filed with the court~~
 8 ~~containing confidential material will be accompanied by a motion to seal. A motion to file a~~
 9 ~~document under seal will be served on opposing counsel, and on the person or entity that has custody~~
 10 ~~and control of the document, if it is different from opposing counsel. For motions that refer to~~
 11 ~~confidential material, the parties will publicly file a redacted version of the filing.~~

12 VI. CHALLENGING A CONFIDENTIAL DESIGNATION

13 If a party disputes the designation of discovery material as confidential, then the objecting
 14 party will notify the designating party in writing by electronic mail of such dispute. The notice will
 15 identify the material and explain the basis for the objection. The designating party will have 7
 16 calendar days to provide a written response by electronic mail to the notice, explaining its reason(s)
 17 for designating the material as confidential. Should the objecting party dispute such reason(s), it will
 18 so notify the designating party, and the designating party will have 21 calendar days from the date of
 19 such notice to seek relief from the Court and any subsequent motion will be made in compliance
 20 with Local Rule 26-7. During the dispute resolution procedure in this paragraph, the designating
 21 party will have the burden of demonstrating that the material is properly designated as confidential.
 22 In the event of a dispute, the parties will continue to treat the disputed material as confidential until
 23 the dispute is resolved informally between the parties or by the court.

24 VII. NON-PARTY SUBPOENAS

25 If any party receives a subpoena from any non-party to this protective order seeking
 26 production or disclosure of confidential material, that party (the "subpoenaed party") will give
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1 notice, as soon as practicable and in no event more than 5 business days after receiving the
 2 subpoena, to opposing counsel. The subpoenaed party will not disclose any confidential material for
 3 7 business days, if possible without violating the subpoena, after providing notice to the other party,
 4 and in no event make disclosure before notice is given. If, within this 7 business day period, court
 5 relief is sought from the subpoena with regard to any confidential material, the subpoenaed party
 6 will wait for the Court to resolve the issue or applicable rules direct otherwise

7 **VIII. ADDITIONAL RIGHTS**

8 Nothing in this protective order will: (a) restrict any party with respect to its own material or
 9 discovery material that has not been designated confidential; (b) prejudice any party's rights to
 10 object to the production or disclosure of information, confidential or otherwise, it considers not
 11 subject to discovery; (c) restrict the proper scope of discovery that can be sought by any party; or (d)
 12 prejudice any party's right to seek relief from the terms of this protective order.

13 This protective order is without prejudice to the right of any party to move the Court,
 14 pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(c) or Local Rule 26-7, for an order seeking protection of confidential
 15 material sought by or produced through discovery, which protection is different from or in addition
 16 to that provided for in this protective order, and such right is expressly reserved. Similarly, each
 17 party reserves the right to request the Court to order disclosure of materials subject to this protective
 18 order or request modification of this protective order.

19 In the event anyone violates or threatens to violate any terms of this protective order, the
 20 aggrieved party may seek damages and injunctive relief and it shall not be a defense thereto that the
 21 aggrieved party possesses an adequate remedy at law.

22 **IX. RETURN OF CONFIDENTIAL MATERIALS**

23 Within 90 days after this action is concluded, including any appeals, materials designated as
 24 confidential, and copies thereof, will be returned to the producing party. This provision will not
 25 apply to court filings or pleadings, briefs, or correspondence maintained by counsel during the
 26 ordinary course of business. Rather than returning confidential material, it may be destroyed, with
 27 proper verification of the destruction from the party responsible for it.

1 X. BINDING EFFECT
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3 This protective order will remain in full force and effect at all times during which any party
4 to this protective order or any person having executed the attached Exhibit A retains possession,
5 custody, or control any confidential material.

6 All persons subject to the terms of this protective order agree that the District Court shall
7 retain jurisdiction over them for the purpose of enforcing the protective order.

8 XI. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OR INADVERTENT PRODUCTION
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10 If either party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has disclosed confidential material
11 to any person or in any circumstance not authorized under this protective order, the receiving party
12 must immediately (a) notify the designating party in writing of the unauthorized disclosure, (b) use
13 its best efforts to retrieve all unauthorized copies of the confidential material, (c) inform the
14 person(s) of the terms of the protective order, and (d) request such person(s) execute Exhibit A.
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Pursuant to Federal Rule of Evidence 502(d) and (e), attorney-client, work product, or any other privilege will not be waived by disclosure connected to this litigation. As a result, the parties agree that nothing in this protective order will be deemed to limit or waive the attorney-client, work product, or any other privilege.

Dated: February 12, 2016

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Respectfully submitted,

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IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: This 16th day of February, 2016.

THE HONORABLE NANCY J. KOPPE
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

EXHIBIT A

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND

I, _____ [print or type full name], of
_____ [print or type full address],
declare under penalty of perjury that I have read in its entirety and understand the Stipulated
Protective Order that was issued by the United States District Court for the District of Nevada in the
case of *Michelle Miller v. Wells Fargo Bank, National Association.*, Case No. 2:15-cv-01782-RFB-
NJK (D. Nev.). I agree to comply with and to be bound by all the terms of this Stipulated Protective
Order and I understand and acknowledge that failure to so comply could expose me to sanctions and
punishment in the nature of contempt. I solemnly promise that I will not disclose in any manner any
information or item that is subject to this Stipulated Protective Order to any person or entity except
in strict compliance with the provisions of this Order.

14 I further agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the District
15 of Nevada for the purpose of enforcing the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order, even if such
16 enforcement proceedings occur after termination of this action.

17 I hereby appoint _____ [print or type full name] of
18 _____ [print or type full address and telephone number] as
19 my Nevada agent for service of process in connection with this action or any proceedings related to
20 enforcement of this Stipulated Protective Order.

Date:

22 City and State where sworn and signed:

24 Printed name: _____
[printed name]

26 Signature: _____
[signature]

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